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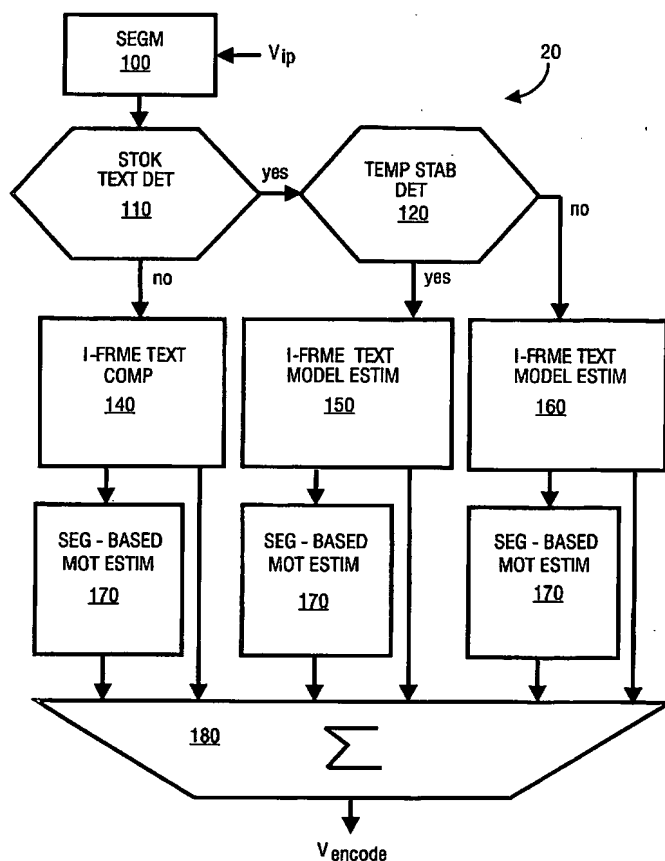
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(57) Abstract: There is provided a method of encoding a video signal comprising a sequence of images to generate corresponding encoded video data. The method including the steps of: (a) analyzing the images to identify one or more image segments therein; (b) identifying those of said one or more segments which are substantially not of a spatially stochastic nature and encoding them in a deterministic manner to generate first encoded intermediate data; (c) identifying those of said one or more segments which are of a substantially spatially stochastic nature and encoding them by way of one or more corresponding stochastic model parameters to generate second encoded intermediate data; and (d) merging the first and second intermediate data to generate the encoded video data.

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